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Club Updates

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Art Club

The Art Club went to the celebration of Día de los Muertos on Nov. 1 at Cheekwood. Harpeth Hall participated in a *tapete* (Spanish for "carpet") competition and won the "Most Creative" award. Harpeth Hall girls also helped create murals on the ground with chalk to celebrate the Spanish holiday.

The Art Club is also doing a pinch pot project to give to people at nursing homes.

Book Club

The Book Club is having a book drive to donate to KIPP Academy. They are accepting new or slightly used books for about the fifth grade reading level. They encourage everyone to bring in books before the semester ends.

The Book Club is also currently reading "Casino Royal" by Ian Fleming.

Justice League

The Justice League is looking forward to attending the Peace Jam Conference in late February. The purpose of the conference is to promote and discuss peace.

In addition, Justice League is promoting a Pennies for Peace project headed up by Mary Hampton Elam '09 through news blurbs in the announcements. The money will go to the Central Asia Institute, a charity founded by "Three Cups of Tea" author Greg Mortenson. The cause of the organization is for wealthy countries to give foreign aid to impoverished nations, one penny at a time.

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Harpeth Hall, teachers named 'Best': Nashville Scene prints its annual poll



Mr. Gary Christy, middle school reading teacher, Mr. Joe Croker, upper school English teacher, and the Harpeth Hall Middle School all received 'Best of' awards from the Nashville Scene.

Photo illustration by Bradley Moody '09, Back Page Editor

BY SARAH SCHUTT '09
NEWS EDITOR

For the nineteenth consecutive year, The Nashville Scene published its annual "Best of" issue. Based on a compilation of votes from readers and the Scene staff, the list boasts a selection of Nashville's best entertainment, food, music, people, and politics. And for the first time, Harpeth Hall made its way onto the illustrious list, winning in the "Best Middle School," "Best High School," and "Best Teacher" categories.

Harpeth Hall was named both best middle and high school by the Scene, topping Franklin Road Academy and Meigs Magnet middle schools, and Hume-Fogg and Hillsboro High upper schools. Middle school teacher Mr. Gary Christy was named best private school teacher, while upper school teacher Mr. Joe Croker came in at number two.

"It was a computer malfunction," said

Mr. Croker, when asked about his award. "I think that in general, I never like any of these 'best of' things."

"I work with, in the Upper School alone, fellow teachers who I admire and wish to have their wit and intellect and organization skills, which I sorely lack," Mr. Croker continued. "So, I just take my cue from my colleagues and my teachers of the past."

"I have been blessed with great students," said Mr. Christy, "and the fact that they took the time and made the effort to put my name in the hat makes me want to 'sound my barbaric yawp from the rooftops of the world' ('Uncle Walt')."

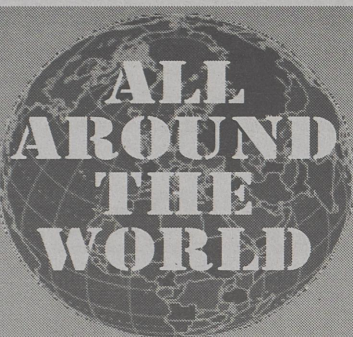
"I think it would be wrong to see this as just an honor for me, though," he said. "I serve as a representative for all teachers who love teaching. I am certainly not alone in this quest, and every teacher who

is dedicated to making 'the world a little better' (Emerson) is honored with me."

Each of the three categories was decided by a reader's poll. The poll was mentioned in the weekly "At Harpeth Hall" newsletter as a reminder to vote for the Nashville Scene's list. This was the first time the school has encouraged parents and students to vote, reminding the community about a process usually forgotten.

The Nashville Scene notified Ms. Joanne Mamenta, Director of Communications and Public Relations, before publishing the "Best of" issue. She was then able to give Mr. Croker and Mr. Christy the good news.

"We just took our laurels and we're excited," said Ms. Mamenta. "We just celebrate internally." (cont'd on page 2)



BY SARAH SCHUTT '09
NEWS EDITOR

Somalia

Over the last few months, Somalia has received global attention for its ever-growing pirate economy. While the rest of the country remains in poverty, piracy has benefited tremendously from a spike in illegal activity. This year alone, more than 75 ships have been attacked by pirate vessels.

Swiftly navigating international waters, the pirates board ships armed, holding crews hostage for a ransom of \$1-2 million. The pirates have targeted, for the most part, vessels traveling through the Indian Ocean near the Somali coast. Though the victimized ships are usually limited to weapons and oil carriers, a tourist ship was recently the target of a similar attack.

As poverty continues to be the widespread norm in Somalia, piracy has proved more and more alluring. Despite receiving international attention, pirate numbers are on the increase, making crimes of piracy even harder to prevent.

Pakistan

Having straddled the line between chaos and stability since the death of Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan has now erupted into full-blown disorder. As the ineffectual government has suffered corruption, death, and a lack of support, the Taliban has worked its way deep into Pakistan.

Roughly 200,000 people have fled tribal areas as violence has sparked between the Pakistani Army and militants. Fighting off an extremist insurrection, the military has launched an attack on Taliban-associated tribes. As war is waged between militants and the military, civilians have been caught in the middle, causing an increasing number of Pakistanis to flee to Pakistani and Afghani safety zones.

Gas scare leaves school evacuated

BY KIKI BANDLOW '11
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On Thursday, Nov. 20, shortly before school ended, students evacuated the Upper School due to the smell of natural gas in the Massey Building. According to Mrs. Jess Hill, Director of the Upper School, natural gas was detected on a monitor, which made the alarm sound.

"Mrs. Keen and I emptied the Massey building in a matter of minutes," said Mrs. Hill. "We then sent the signal to evacuate the other Upper School buildings."

However, proper evacuation procedure was not practiced by the students who fled from Massey. "Everything was chaos and no one really knew what was going on [during the evacuation]," said Neely Duffey, '11. Rumors flew through the crowd that the building was going to explode and that the poor chinchilla residing in the Mrs. Keen's biology room had died because of the leak.

"Immediately after the evacuation we realized we should have treated it exactly as a fire drill," said Ms. Anne King, Director of Finance and Operations. According to Mrs. King, there were actually three different problems that week before Thanksgiving break with gas, only one of them leading to the evacuation.

Earlier that week, there was a small carbon monoxide leak that was caused from a loose gasket in the furnace near Mrs. Melinda Higgins' chemistry room on the second floor of Massey. According to Mrs. Higgins, carbon

monoxide is a deadly gas which takes over the oxygen in the body.

"The leak came from the vent above my desk, which is why I and the front row [of my Honors Chemistry class] felt sick," she said. Symptoms experienced by the students and Mrs. Higgins were nausea, sleepiness, dizziness, and confusion.

"I couldn't even subtract 2.2 from 3.2 in my head [because of the confusion]," Mrs. Higgins said. The gasket was repaired immediately. According to Mrs. King, another similar problem was also fixed in Mrs. Higgins room by repairing a loose fitting underneath a desk the next day.

Later that same week Mrs. Keen, biology teacher, smelled natural gas in the second floor classrooms. She then informed Mrs. Vest, chemistry teacher, of the smell.

"I asked Mrs. Vest, who was working in her room, how she was feeling, and she mentioned that she was feeling a bit dizzy," said Mrs. Keen. Mrs. Keen then rushed to begin evacuating Massey.

"Mrs. Vest called me. She had a monitor that went off," said Mr. Trey Riddle, Plant Manager, who worked on the system to correct the carbon monoxide problem.

"The startup of the lower heating HVAC unit exhaust gas seemed to get up into the upper unit," said Mr. Riddle. This sounded an alarm, and the entire Upper School was evacuated.

"The fire department and the gas company were called; they brought fans and checked the system for leaks. The Trane Service Corporation came up that night to check the units, and verified that the units were working properly," said Mrs. King. A temporary wall was built around the intake of the upstairs unit to attempt to prevent the exhaust gas from entering the upper unit again.

The building was safe to go back in by about 4:30 that afternoon. As a safety precaution, however, the heating system was shut down, and the science wing did not hold classes in Massey the next morning while the professionals again thoroughly checked the units.

The Core Crisis Team at Harpeth Hall had already scheduled a meeting to discuss crisis procedures the day following the evacuation. The school is constantly attempting to be "proactive" in their safety measures, according to Mrs. King.

"I now have a special carbon monoxide alarm on my desk that will sound," said Mrs. Higgins. In addition, Mrs. King said that the school will begin having more drills so we will be better prepared in the future to handle this kind of incident.

"It was a learning experience for all of us," said Mrs. Higgins. "You never know what is going to be in a science laboratory."

Mary Girard captures state competition

BY PARKER DAVIS '11
STAFF WRITER

Harpeth Hall seniors Willa Fitzgerald, Blythe Cate, Caroline Winsett, Kalen McNamara, and sophomores Griffin Saunders and Lindsey Myrick took part in MBA's performance of "The Insanity of Mary Girard." The play was directed by MBA drama teacher Rick Seay for a one-night performance at MBA and a One-Act competition against other schools. The Harpeth Hall and MBA ensemble cast won the state One-Act competition Oct. 24.

"The Insanity of Mary Girard" is set in the 1790s and portrays the terrifying powers that husbands held over their wives in post-colonial America. Mary is married to the wealthy and well-known Mr. Girard, who forces her into an insane asylum after discovering that she is pregnant with another man's child. Though Mary is completely sane and at first believes her placement in the institution to be a mistake, her

time in the asylum causes her sanity to slowly deteriorate.

There are a total of three possible rounds



Willa Fitzgerald '09 played the title character, Mary Girard, while Caroline Winsett '09 played her mother. Willa was named to the state's All-Star Cast List. Caroline Winsett '09

in the competition. Having placed second in the regional competition and then first in the state competition, the cast of "Mary Girard" will go on to Birmingham, Ala., in March to take part in the next and final round of the event, the Southeastern Regional tournament. Two of the cast members, Willa Fitzgerald and MBA's Will Holt, were named to the region's All-Star Cast List. Willa was also named "Best Actress" at the state level.

Having practiced since the beginning of the school year, rehearsals will continue until the regional competition in March. "I loved working on this show because of how different it is from most shows," said Lindsey Myrick '11. "The ensemble aspect is bigger than any show I have ever done, so it was fun working with all the cast members."

'Scene' names HH the city's "best"

(cont'd from page one)

Though nothing but modest when speaking of their own personal honors, teacher winners Mr. Croker and Mr. Christy are enthusiastic supporters of the school and its mention.

"A school cannot achieve excellence if each person is not making the effort to be individually responsible for being his or her best," said Mr. Christy.

"That's what makes

this school deserve to be recognized. Everyone works to make education mean something here," Mr. Christy said.

"As much as I think these sorts of lists are a touch fatuous," said Mr.

Croker, "I think those (the school's awards) are deserved. And not just because of the teachers, but the administrators, the students, and even my manager, Mr. Springman, as well."



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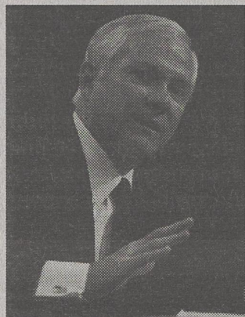
President-elect Obama builds his team

BY MADISON JONES '10
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Immediately after Barack Obama's victory on Nov. 4, focus shifted from campaigning to creating a new cabinet. As the President-elect prepares for his transition to the White House, he is in the process of nominating candidates for his cabinet. So far, Obama has nominated candidates for seven of 15 cabinet positions.

The president-elect has referenced Abraham Lincoln in the search for his team. "I think Obama wants the kind of mindset from his team in which people are willing to say 'No, Obama, let's think this through,'" said Mr. Tony Springman.

For the position of Secretary of State, Obama has chosen his former chief rival for the Democratic Party nomination, Hillary Clinton. Clinton first joined Congress as a Senator from New York with her election in 2000. Married to former President Bill Clinton and the first-ever First Lady to run for office, Clinton is no stranger to Washington.



left: Obama has chosen to keep Robert Gates as Secretary of Defense.
below: Illinois Congressman Rahm Emanuel will serve as Obama's Chief of Staff.
Photos Courtesy Google



"I think Hillary's nomination will help bring some closure to that wing of the party that was upset that she didn't win the nomination," said Mr. Springman.

Nominated for Attorney Gen-

eral, Eric Holder, Jr. was appointed Deputy Attorney General under Bill Clinton, served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia before supporting Clinton's campaign, and was appointed Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by President Ronald Reagan. Holder has served as an adviser for the Obama campaign since its inception and had a strong voice in the vice presidential search.

President of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, Timothy Geithner has been selected by Obama to become the Secretary of Treasury. Geithner helped manage Wall Street's financial meltdown earlier this year, overseeing the bailouts of big companies like AIG.

Surprisingly, Obama has chosen to keep President Bush's Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates,

in office. Gates was sworn into office in 2006, after serving in the same seat in George H.W. Bush's presidency from 1989-1991. Gates has been a proponent of keeping troops in Iraq, while Obama plans to bring them home.

Illinois Congressman Rahm Emanuel has accepted the position of Obama's Chief of Staff. Other nominees include Marine General James Jones for National Security Advisor, Susan Rice for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano for Secretary of Homeland Security, Robert Gibbs for Press Secretary, and Governor Bill Richardson for Secretary of Commerce.

Obama is still deciding on nominees for Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Secretary of Education. Though a variegated group, Obama's team will be a sharp transition from the current administration.

HH Responds to Obama's Team

"I think the team is as centrist as I anticipated it would be. I think all the talk about how he would go far to the left was never really real."

- Mr. Myrick, Upper School Physics Teacher
"Obama is bringing in a lot of people from the Clinton administration and I'm concerned to see what will happen."

- Callie Hughes '09
"I'm thrilled Hillary Clinton is on his team. I also think he wasn't just fooling us in his campaign when he said that he was going to work with Republicans because he kept Bush's Secretary of Defense."

- Phoebe Carver '09



Photo Courtesy The New York Times

Attacks in Mumbai, India

On Nov. 26, coordinated terrorist attacks struck India's ever-expanding city, Mumbai. The heart of India's commercial life, Mumbai was picked as a target for its capitalist tie and its close location to Pakistan. Currently 163 people have been proclaimed killed by the terrorist attacks.

Thus far it appears that the Mumbai attacks were directed from at least two Pakistani cities by leaders of a militant group called Lashkar-e-Taiba.

It's Recession Time

The government finally labeled our current economic crisis a recession on Dec. 1. A recession occurs when the country's gross domestic product, or total output of goods and services, declines for two fiscal quarters.

Unemployment rates are now the highest they have been in 25 years. 2.8 million Americans are now unemployed, and, as the economy continues to plunge, that number is expected to increase.



Photo Courtesy The New York Times

Alumnae return for Career Day

Harpeth Hall welcomed back over 30 alumnae for the annual Career Day on Nov. 6. Classes such as "A Global Effect," "Discovering Generation Next," and "Rock-Solid Foundations" covered topics from producing biodiesel fuel to teaching English to immigrant families.

More classes were held this year than on any previous Career Day.

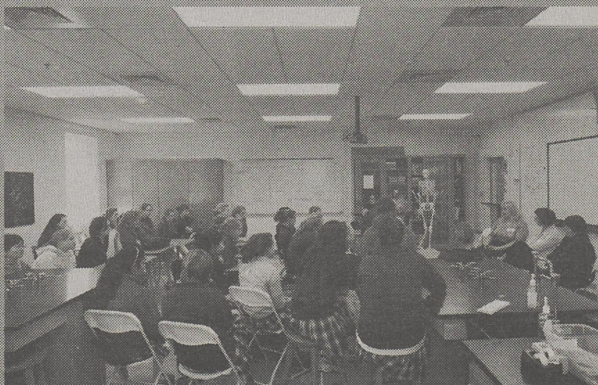


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Ms. Pethel becomes a Dr.

BY KATIE MARTIN '10
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Mary Ellen Pethel always knew she wanted to be a history teacher, but also knew that she wanted to do more than just teach the facts. So she worked until she achieved the highest degree possible in education — her Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy) from Georgia State University.

"I love teaching history," said Dr. Pethel. "But I wanted to be a historian as well as an educator. I knew that to do this I needed graduate training that took content knowledge and added it to the big picture. History is not simply facts but rather how specific people and events affect patterns of power and socioeconomic forces that ultimately shape history."

Dr. Pethel has completed countless hours of work to earn this title. She worked for five and a half years to bring this project to completion. Forty-five hours of history classes along with oral and written comprehensive exams were required. After passing all of these

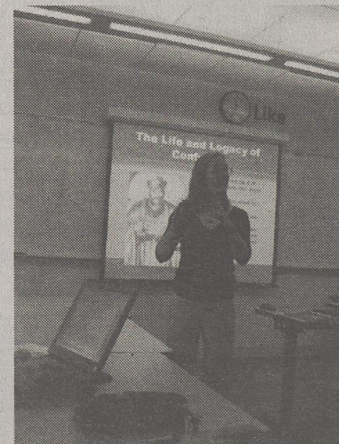
classes, she then wrote her dissertation prospectus. This was a summary of what she intended to research and write about in her dissertation, which she presented to a committee of professors.

The essence of her thesis was how Nashville set itself apart by being a progressive city in the realms of higher education and societal change. Five and a half years culminated in Dr. Pethel's 277-page dissertation.

Dr. Pethel said that none of this would have been possible without the help and encouragement of family, friends, and colleagues.

To honor Dr. Pethel's accomplishment, Mrs. Skelley invited the faculty to her house for a celebration. Obviously very flattered by this gesture, Dr. Pethel said, "A lot of faculty members came and it

was very indicative of the supportive community that the Harpeth Hall environment embodies." Dr. Pethel is the sixth Upper School faculty member to earn her Ph.D.



Ms. Pethel teaches one of her World History classes. Ms. Pethel has divided her time between teaching her classes and producing her dissertation.

Halle Zander '12

Harpeth Hall students attend Model UN

BY TAYLOR COX '09
STAFF WRITER

"Decorum," "summation," and "pro/con debate" are just some of the phrases 75 students became all too familiar with the first weekend in November. Franklin, Tenn became the stomping grounds of 870 high school students participating in the Model United Nations conference.

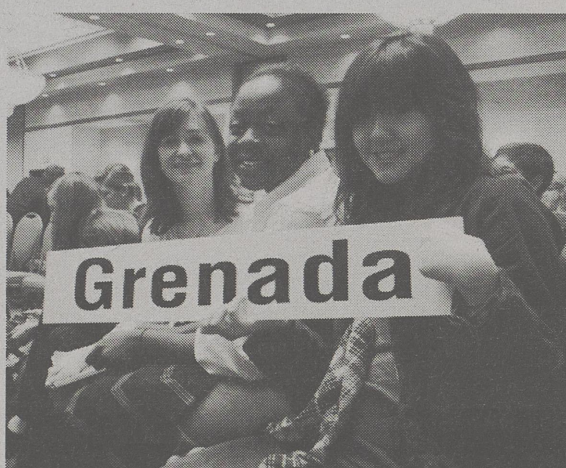
Model United Nations (MUN) is a government program sponsored by the YMCA for high school students interested in foreign affairs. Several schools from across the state send delegates to participate in this mock United Nations four-day conference. Countries range from The United States and China to Sao Tome and Principe. "Last year, Model UN was the largest club at Harpeth Hall," said Kalen McNamara '09, the YIG Vice-President.

Prior to the conference, students researched their assigned country, composed informative papers, and wrote a resolution to be debated at the conference. The resolution must be fact based and fix a problem within their country.

At the conference, the resolutions were presented by the delegates in small committees, debated, then passed or failed; if passed, they were put on the docket, and then presented in front of the General Assembly.

"Attending Model UN is like spending time in an alternate universe; it's very intense," said McNamara.

Stress and tension are two things that can be felt



Seniors Rachel White, Ife Kehinde, and Angela Park raise their placard. Students represent United Nation delegates to various countries, sometimes countries that students have never heard of.

Fatima Azamtarrhian '09

throughout the conference. "Heck yes it's stressful," said Kaity Krupp '09, YIG member.

Lilly Carver '12 attended her first MUN conference this year. "It's very arduous to get everything done on time, and the topics are hard to write about since it is hard to know everything about a country I don't live in" said Carver.

Yet between the stress and anxiety, students still managed to have time for fun.

"My favorite part of Model UN is meeting new people, getting their names, going home, and stalking them on Facebook!" said Tess Fardon '10, YIG member. The sessions were long and exhausting; some days began at 9 a.m. and ended at 11 p.m.

There was a dance on Saturday night for students to drop their pens and papers and show off their moves. "My favorite part was definitely becoming best friends with the pirates from MLK," says Lauren Bounds '09, whose first conference was last year.

Model UN is one of two events sponsored by the YMCA. The other is Youth Legislature, a state government program where students write bills to help the state of Tennessee. Harpeth Hall students seem to be hooked on the Model UN experience for many reasons—whether because of debating and bill presenting, or meeting new people and stalking them on Facebook.



Jasmine Miller, Kalen McNamara, and Patricia Gormley '09, received an outstanding resolution award for their resolution which proposed an international engineering competition, focusing on development of technology for impoverished countries. They represented the delegation from the United States of America.

Fatima Azamtarrhian '09



KATIE SCHULL '09
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Woodpeckers launch attack

Ask Joe the Plumber what the number one issue plaguing Americans is today, and he will undoubtedly reply "woodpeckers." These "meticulous devil-birds," as described by Jasmine Miller '09, seem to be organizing themselves for a massive attack on the human race. I speak with authority as my home was last night attacked by a band of woodpeckers.

Swooping in at speeds of over 200 mph, these birds launched an offensive against the Schull home exterior. These devilish rogues landed on my parents' windowsill and began pecking frantically. Pounding away at the outside paint and causing noise disruptions throughout the home, the birds attacked with a vengeance. As they continued to increase their numbers, the Schull family realized it had to act.

We immediately sent out the troops. My 13-year-old sister Martha, more affectionately known as "M-Dawg," led a small regiment consisting of our menacing hounds, Honey and Rosie. A professional general, M-Dawg led her warriors through the jungle of our backyard to take the woodpeckers by surprise. She immediately let out a war-cry as she snuck up from behind, unleashing her fury. She screamed, squawked, and waved her arms at



Woodpeckers complete their military training on cacti.

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

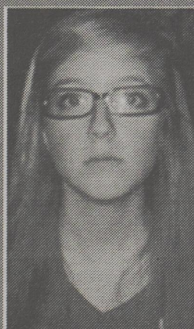
the birds until they slowly began to retreat. At that point reinforcements came in. I opened up my second-story window and belted Celine Dion's gem "My Heart Will Go On," which immediately sent the last woodpecker flying. The battle was over. The Schulls were victorious.

Despite the triumph of mankind at the Battle of the Schull, woodpeckers remain a threat today. After doing thorough research (perusing Wikipedia while eating Cheez-Its) I have learned that woodpeckers are a "highly antisocial solitary species which are aggressive to others." I didn't hesitate to alert the Department of Homeland Security.

What is your favorite part of Model UN?



Caroline Kay '10: "You get out of class, meet people from other schools, wear cute business clothes, and you get to stay in a hotel downtown—need I say more?"



Ryllis Lyle '09: "I think the dances are a TON of fun; everyone's really crazy and hyped up and it's GREAT. Also, the officer auctions are hilarious. Lastly, I like when people do joke bills in General Assembly."



Fatima Azamtarrhian '09: "THE DANCES!"

Green Hills presents the opening of...



BY CHANNING GARBER '09
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Trader Joe's is sparsely but brightly decorated. Photos by Rachel White '09.

A shopper at Trader Joe's is not greeted by elegant music or a finely decorated store—however, friendly service and greatly lowered prices are daily specials at this new store. The company has been selling organic, all natural and gourmet foods at reasonable prices since 1958. The chain opened a store in the Green Hills area Nov. 7. While it may seem that Trader Joe's would face fierce competition in the Nashville area due to the

prices.

Upper School math teacher Ms. Dora Biegl recently visited and said, "I checked them out with my daughter Zsozso, and we were delighted to have found so many cool European items at very reasonable prices."

A few students do not believe that the two stores measure up. "I was somewhat disappointed," said Meredith Lawrence '09. "I am aware Trader Joe's

"It provides the highest quality food for the cheapest price. It's a win-win situation!"

similar Whole Foods Market, this is not the case.

Located on Hillsboro Road in the former Wild Oats Market, Trader Joe's appears to be a no-frills grocery store. Unlike its competitor Whole Foods, Trader Joe's displays hand-written price signs, has no fancy display cases, no juice bar or coffee shop, and no elaborate bakery section. Many of the products, however, are of comparable quality to those of Whole Foods though sport much lower

is supposed to be healthy, but Whole Foods can make their healthy food taste really good. I suppose my hopes were too high. I'm sure Trader Joe's is not that bad, but my first impression wasn't that good."

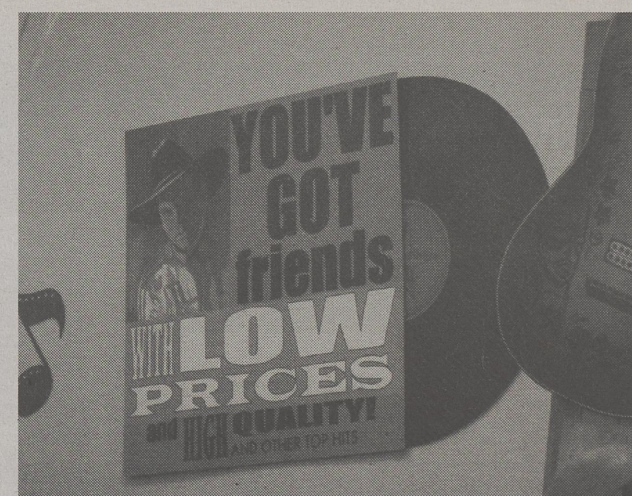
However, others still are strongly supportive of the new store. Kaity Krupp '09 said, "I like Traders Joe's because it provides the highest quality food for the cheapest price. It's a win-win situation!"



The free snack stand offered delicious samples of mushroom flat bread.



A shot of the produce section — Five bananas for under \$1. Trader Joe's tries to buy produce from local farmers.



This poster exhibits a main attraction for shoppers: the store's commitment to providing high quality food at affordable prices.



Displays of seasonal, sale items are dispersed throughout the store.



Trader Joe's provides shoppers the opportunity to choose organic or conventional produce.



The interior of Trader Joe's is covered with rustic and old-timey signs.

Students agree, *Secret Life of Bees* is a success

BY CAITLIN CASEY '12
STAFF WRITER



Secret Life of Bees hit theaters Oct. 17

If you loved the novel *Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, you will laugh, cry, and experience a whirl-wind, exciting, heart-wrenching journey during the movie.

Released on Oct. 17 and directed by Gina Prince-Blythewood, "The Secret Life of Bees" features Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah, and Alicia Keys. As I read the novel, I thought it would be perfect for screenplay. And it was—the director and screenwriters did a fantastic job in terms of adapting the novel's text for a script.

Of the students polled, only words of praise and enthusiastic excitement were offered about the movie. Most students adored the characters, marveled over the storyline, and expressed their enthusiasm for the tear-jerking moments.

"...I cried on and off throughout the entire movie," said Chelsea Stessel '10. Other students agreed that although it was emotional at times, it had an enticing element of bittersweet happiness.

The movie generally follows the plotline of the book, except for a few scenes that were cut. The film seems to fly by because of the fantastic transitions and flow from scene to scene. Most students polled agreed that the ending of the

movie, different than the book, was well suited.

According to Alexandra Arteaga '12, "The book was a little different from the movie, but I liked how the movie ended better than the book...all-around the movie was amazing!" However, although there were minor changes, according to Rachel Rochester '12: "The movie was a great representation of the book, and really captured the essence of the story."

What struck me most about "The Secret Life of Bees" was the phenomenal casting. August Boatwright, played by Queen Latifah, was definitely the star. Not only did she look like my mental picture of August, but her loving, kind, and warm disposition fit perfectly. June Boatwright, played by Alicia Keys, played the role beautifully. She had the perfect balance of aloofness, beauty, and confidence. "The actors and actresses performed very well," Maddie Shankle '12 said, "especially June, who was my favorite."

Although the casting was wonderful in many ways, the one controversial character was Dakota Fanning, who played the main character, Lily. Fanning is an admirable, young actress, and I think she played Lily well. But, I pictured Lily differently. Also, I found her relationship with Zach to be forced and awkward. But other students thought that she was perfect for the role.

The freshman class read the novel at the beginning of the school year. Several teachers, including Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Wilson, brought their students to the theater to enjoy the movie. Mrs. Wilson praised the movie, saying: "I loved the movie largely because I love the story. I am

so glad my students had the chance to read it first; their imaginations are more powerful than anything Hollywood could conjure on screen. Still, it was a powerful viewing experience for me. Interestingly, what I loved most about the film were the changes made to the story! The movie wasn't entirely faithful to the book, but the changes worked well for the film."

Overall, "The Secret Life of Bees" was touching, inspirational, and a great representation of the novel. Although different than the book at times, I applaud the director, the actresses, and the Perhaps it is said best by freshman Becca Jacques, "I absolutely LOVED it!"



The Secret Life of Bees chronicles the lives of four black women in the 1960's and their influence on a young girl played by Dakota Fanning.

Faculty iPod: Mrs. Emily Berry

Patty Griffin - Trapeze

Son Volt- Windfall

Ben Folds- The Luckiest

Michael Jackson- Smooth Criminal

Mary Chapin Carpenter-Come
Darkness, Come Light

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Music Review: Lil Wayne in Concert



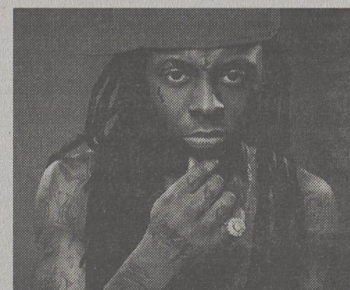
BY CHELSEA STESSEL '10
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-six year-old Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., better known as Lil Wayne, grew up in a depressed region of New Orleans known as Hollygrove. At the age of 11 he was taken under the wing of music producer and founder of Cash Money Records Bryan Williams, aka "Birdman." He has been his mentor for over a decade.

Lil Wayne performed in musicals in school before he dropped out and earned his GED at age 14. At 15, he formed the rap group Hot Boyz in which he was the youngest among fellow rappers Juvinille, Turk, and B.G.

Six solo albums, countless collaborations, and two children later, Lil Wayne continues to be one of the most popular rappers in America.

Recently, Vanderbilt played host to Lil Wayne at their 2008 Homecoming. A colossal crowd gathered at the Vanderbilt Memorial Gym, despite skepticism that Lil Wayne would not show. Lines were hundreds of people long, taking some over an hour to get inside.



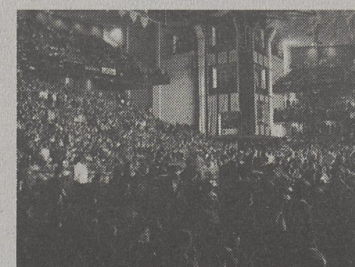
Lil Wayne performed at Vanderbilt Memorial Gym on Oct. 28.

However, most who attended said that the wait and the \$40-\$50 ticket charge was well worth it. Kicking off the night at 8 p.m., Free Soul was followed by Lupe Fiasco, who preformed his famous 'Superstar' and 'Kick Push.' Kath-

erine Dresch '10 even said that she "preferred Lupe's performance over Lil Wayne's."

After a long and apprehensive wait, Lil Wayne finally took the stage with his posse and began his performance with 'Mr. Carter.' Playing most of the songs from his newly released album 'The Carter III', he also serenaded the audience with earlier songs like "Fireman" and songs from other artists such as "Can't Believe It" and "We Takin' Over."

But the night was not only about the music. In light of the then upcoming election, Marianna Weaver '10 said that she "liked how both Lupe and Lil Wayne talked about how everyone needed to go out and vote!"



Lil Wayne and Lupe Fiasco took the stage for Vanderbilt's 2008 Homecoming.

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Top Ten Reasons Why Kings of Leon



BY LAUREN BOUNDS '09
STAFF WRITER

1. Caleb Followill's musical prowess as lead singer
2. The song "Milk" on the album "Aha Shake Heartbreak"
3. Their lyrics are entertaining to sing
4. At the 2007 concert I hurt my neck belting out the song "Charmer" with Anna Spoden and Katie Schull
5. They are from Nashville
6. Brothers and singers, Caleb, Nathan and Jared Followill grew up traveling with their preacher father, living sheltered lives, and listening to gospel music.
7. Matthew, lead guitarist and backup vocalist, is cousin to Caleb, Nathan, and Jared Followill
8. "Aha Shake Heartbreak," "Youth and Young Manhood," "Because of the Times," "Only by the Night" – four albums, all have the same number of syllables.
9. Caleb's lyrics are only comprehensible through some of the album "Only by the Night."
10. All band members go by their middle names.



(Above) The newly released KOL album "Only by the Night." (Below) The 2008 American tour reached its last leg as Kings of Leon played at Municipal Auditorium. The concert ranks in the top two best concerts I have ever seen, the other best being their last show at the Ryman. The floor filled with a mob of tightly packed fans singing every word with the band. It was out of control. Absolutely amazing.

Upcoming...

CDs

December 16

All-American Rejects..... *When the World Comes Down*
Bow Wow..... *New Jack City Part II*
Fall Out Boy..... *Folie a Deux*

January 20

Matt York..... *Mine*
Animal Collective..... *Merriweather Post Pavilion*
Umprey's McGee *Mantis*

January 27

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band..... *Working on a Dream*
Franz Ferdinand..... *Tonight: Franz Ferdinand*
Ciara..... *Fantasy Ride*

Movies

December 19

The Brothers Bloom *The Class*



December 26

Marley and Me *Bedtime Stories*



Britney Spears Returns as the Reigning Pop Princess

BY KATHLEEN RILEY '09
STAFF WRITER

Well, here you have it ladies, Ms. Spears is back. After accruing three MTV VMA Awards, performing on "Good Morning America," and launching her hit new album "Circus" on her 27th birthday, Britney Spears is here to stay.

On her MTV video documentary, Britney states that she does not like the term "comeback" because she has been here all along. While some may disagree with this statement, everyone can agree that she restored her disputed status as the pop princess with her new album. "Circus" reminds all the unfaithful fans and disbelievers why she became famous in the first place: her music.

Britney's second album after her long recess from the recording studio is a compila-

tion of songs that will make you dance. The beat and style of her songs have evolved since her previous albums. The content and the message are much more mature than her album *In the Zone*. The album also topped charts Dec. 8, just a mere six days after being released. The day after its release, the music video "Circus" also garnered the number one spot on the iTunes Music Video Chart.

Britney is back in shape, out of the studio and about to be on tour starting Mar. 3, 2009, beginning with a concert in her home-state of Louisiana. Her new tour promises to blow the minds of the audience members with its dance choreography and special effects.



Britney Spears has reverted back to her blonde bombshell looks as she re-enters the music scene.

Happy Holidays from LO

Students and their families share holiday traditions

BY BRITTANY FARR '10
STAFF WRITER

This coming holiday season will play host to a variety of distinct traditions, from Christmas to Kwanza to Hanukkah.

Kwanzaa is an African American celebration with a focus on the traditional African values of family. Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba, also known as the seven guiding principles. A different guiding principle is celebrated each day of the observance. It is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

Many Harpeth Hall students celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah, referring to the combination of holidays as "Christmakkah".

"My mom, my friend, and I all huddle in the kitchen and usually end up burning all the latkes and the entire house smells strongly of oil," said Haley Joyce '09. "We have family, friends and the neighbors over, and it's this huge celebration. My dad is Catholic so we also have a Christmas tree and a few of the guests will put gifts under the tree as a thank you."

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, lasts for eight days. On each of the eight days, one candle on the menorah is lit, honoring the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

"Normally we go to Chicago and celebrate Christmas, and then we go to New York for Hanukkah," Tess Fardon '10 said. We get together and eat a huge dinner at my Aunt Laurie's house, and we eat latkes, applesauce and lots of cookies. Then all the kids play dreidel, and we have this thing that we call the Hanukkah tree, which is a Christmas tree with a Jewish star on top, where all the presents are."

Christmas falls on Dec. 25 and is the celebration commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Around this holiday, many families wrap presents and decorate their houses with lights, nativity scenes and holly.

"Well, since my parents and I are the only ones of our family who live in Nashville, we normally go to the 10:00 p.m. service at our church on Christmas Eve. The next morning, we wake up, open presents and make a special brunch together," said Kelly Meehan '10.

"Most years though, we will go up to Chicago and visit my dad's family the weekend before Christmas and have a big family party."

This holiday season, each Harpeth Hall family will be celebrating different traditions with their families, each with an importance and meaning of its own.

What is your favorite part of the Holiday Season?



"Cooking with my family"

"Celebrating with friends and family with a big feast"

"Hot chocolate and everyone's faces as they unwrap their gifts that were picked especially for them"

"The traditional African clothing, songs, and prayers are a great way to connect to my African roots"

"I like the religious aspect of Christmas because it is the only time of year we go to church"

"The smell of pine needles and cookies and cakes baking in the oven"

"I love the Christmas decorations"

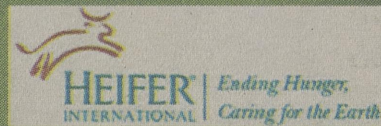
Alternative Holiday Gift Ideas

BY CHANNING GARBER '09
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Not sure what to get friends and family members for the holidays this year? Each of these gift ideas protects our environment, gives a contribution to someone in need, or supports fair trade. For more ideas visit <http://www.treehugger.com/giftguide> or one of the following stores.

Give a donation to Heifer International

Heifer International is an organization dedicated to ending world hunger. Through this organization, you can purchase animals and plants for underprivileged families in Third World countries. Heifer is also committed to promoting sustainability and protecting the environment through its donations. Donors may either contribute towards the purchase of an animal or crops or pay for the animal fully, making this a great gift idea for groups of friends. Visit www.heifer.org to view a full list of items.



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The donation of a goat is only \$120, or you can donate \$10 towards a goat. This donation provides a needy family with milk, and the family can also use goat manure as a natural fertilizer for crops.



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Kelsea Best '11

Insight on Eid from Stori Nuri '11

The celebration of the Eid al-Adha is the traditional time for Muslims to make the annual Hajj or pilgrimage back to Mecca. Traditionally, this celebration began with the slaughter of an animal, commemorating the story of Allah's provision of a sacrificial ram in order to save Ibrahim from sacrificing Ishmael. While many Muslims cannot celebrate the Eid in this traditional manner, they commemorate this time with prayer services and spending time with other families in the Muslim community. Stori's family begins their celebration of Eid with a prayer service held by their Mosque. They spend two weeks of Eid visiting with family and other members of the Muslim community.

What is your favorite part of Eid? "Seeing best friends and spending time with my family, and my brothers are usually home from college!"



Haley Joyce '09

Insight on Hanukkah from Haley Joyce '09

Hanukkah is the traditional Jewish festival of lights. It commemorates the eight nights during the Maccabean Revolts in which a small quantity of oil was used to light the temple in Jerusalem. Haley said, "My family celebrates Hanukkah as a season of giving and receiving. We cook lots of latkas and the whole house smells like olive oil for most of this season." For each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, each member of Haley's family opens a gift. "We pick out gifts for each other to open each night. They range from anything from a dreidel to an iPod!"

What is your favorite part of Hanukkah? "The fact that my whole family is together at home. Both of my parents work, so this doesn't happen very often!"



Kelsea Best '11

Insight on Christmas from Claire Crawford '12

Christmas is the Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Claire calls herself a "Christmas fanatic." Her family celebrates the Christmas season through decorating their house with lights, wreaths, and a Christmas tree. On Christmas Eve Claire's family goes to an evening church service. On Christmas day, they enjoy spending time with family, baking, opening presents, and reading scripture.

What is your favorite part of Christmas? "I just love the essence of the season. Everyone seems happier, more giving and more selfless. I also love the religious aspect that so often gets lost. We get so caught up in the gift giving that we lose the true meaning of Christmas."

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES.

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Staff Editorial

Language wars: Why English-only must fail

A few weeks ago, a member of the Tennessee Immigration Reform and Rights Coalition spoke to Harpeth Hall students about the English-Only legislation that will soon be considered by Nashville voters.

The bill stipulates that the government's actions would be conducted exclusively in English and that individuals would no longer have a right to non-English service. Supporters argue that this legislation will induce immigrants to learn English, which although noble in intent, is a non-sequitur. Immigrants are already learning English because they know it will maximize their economic opportunities.

The only ones who may not learn English are the elderly, and they gain automatic citizenship if they live here for 20 years. So, we must ask ourselves, do we really want to institute a policy that will punish American grandparents?

If this bill is passed, emergency response services will no longer be required to provide care in other languages, meaning that if a Spanish-speaker tries to report a crime, the police department will be unable to record it or apprehend the criminal. This bill will facilitate criminals traveling from immigrant neighborhoods into other areas

because they have not been imprisoned.

Additionally, this bill is counterproductive to its intended purpose. Its sponsors claim that it will help the immigrant population assimilate into the Nashville community; instead it will only breed isolation.

If immigrants are unable to interact efficiently with their government, they will abandon it, cutting Metro off from gathering information about those communities.

“So, we must ask ourselves, do we really want to institute a policy that will punish American grandparents?”

Instead of increasing integration among these neighborhoods, this bill will further segment them from society.

These silos will not be restricted to neighborhoods; they will become evident in schools as well. If parents cannot comprehend information schools are sending home, they will be less able to participate in their child's education.

Studies have shown that parental involvement in education has a direct relationship with student performance; thus, if this policy is implemented, student performance will decrease. And thanks to the No Child Left Behind Act, if student performance decreases, public funding for our already under-funded schools will diminish.

Although this bill masquerades as an English-first policy, we must remember that English-first legislation was passed in 2006. Nashville was chewed out on a national scale and gained a reputation for bigotry.

That reputation is what will follow us when we try to recruit international companies to our city. In order to survive this recent economic turmoil, we must present ourselves as the friendly city that we are instead of the xenophobes this legislation will convey.

This initiative will drain Metro's already limited resources. Annually, translations of Metro documents cost around \$100,000, but because the constitutionality of this bill will have to be tested, it could end up costing Metro hundreds of thousands of dollars more before it's struck down and we return to the system we have now.

Proposition 8: Californians' Rights Reversed

BY EMILY TSENG '10
GRAPHIC DESIGN EDITOR

As the nation bickered, battled and butted heads over our next Commander-in-Chief, a series of small but momentous propositions snuck onto state ballots virtually unnoticed by the media.

Michigan passed proposals in favor of stem cell research and legalized medicinal marijuana, Washington passed an initiative allowing doctor-assisted suicide, and California, Florida, and Arizona passed measures defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

California's Proposition 8 changed the state constitution to ban gay marriage and “provides that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.” As reported by CNN.com, Prop 8 passed 52-48 percent by a margin of roughly half a million votes. Los Angeles County passed it by just over 10,000 votes.

Prop 8 has ignited controversy and protest nationwide. Equal-rights leaders organized a national day of protest for Saturday, Nov. 15 through social activism websites such as MoveOn.org, JointheImpact.com, and NoOnProp8.com.

Nashville was also involved. Local Nashvillian participants, including a large cadre of Vanderbilt students, marched downtown from the courthouse to Broadway.

JointheImpact has organized “A Day Without Gays,” encouraging protestors to stay home from work Dec. 10 by “calling in gay” and to boycott the Christmas shopping season. FunnyOrDie, Will Ferrell and Adam McKay's comedy video site, released a video titled “Prop 8: The Musical.” The video features Jack Black (as Jesus Christ),

Neil Patrick Harris, Rashida Jones, Andy Richter, and others, the latest in a string of celebrities who have spoken out against the decision.

So why does Prop 8 make people so angry? Florida and Arizona passed similar measures, but the names of Proposition 102 and Amendment 2 don't have three-minute web musicals devoted to them. Arkansas passed an initiative banning gay couples from adopting children, but nobody seems to care. Nebraska ended affirmative action, but nobody noticed. Not even Michigan's Proposal 2, which allows for research on unclaimed or donated embryos, has caused national furor quite like Prop 8.

The answer, of course, lies in California itself. San Francisco has long enjoyed a reputation as one of the free-thinking liberal centers of America. In 2004, San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom licensed same-sex marriage licenses in his city, igniting a nationwide gay-rights debate that soon saw Massachusetts and Connecticut issue similar statewide decrees. If California can't do it, who can?

While the petitions, videos, and statements against Prop 8 have managed to raise awareness of its passage, they have not offered any viable solutions.

Protestors call for California to repeal the proposition, but the state cannot renege on a measure that 52 percent of its voting population supports without violating majority rule, the most sacred of all American tenets.

If protestors wish to enact real change and progress, they must change the minds and hearts of the 526,095

voters who made the difference on Prop 8. They must be persuasive rather than inflammatory, rational rather than simply defiant.

The arguments against gay rights are mostly based in religious doctrine. Opponents argue that marriage is a sacrament, and that the legal rights afforded to married heterosexual couples should not be afforded to same-sex couples.

Proponents of gay rights see the gay community as another oppressed minority in American culture who are unfairly denied the right to marry simply due to current “societal norms.” Some see the LGBTQ community's struggle as the latest in a historical struggle of American minorities for the same rights as the majority.

After Prop 8, gay marriage will undoubtedly make its way back onto the Californian ballots in 2010, during mid-term elections. Protestors should stop calling for California to repeal the proposition and instead focus on changing public opinion for the next election cycle.

Nothing is achieved in America without a democratic majority of opinion; this should be protestors' focus instead of simply “raising awareness.” Raising awareness for an issue never achieves an actual solution.

If protestors focus their time, fame, and resources less on trying to get Prop 8 repealed and focus more on showing the public why it is discriminatory, the gay community may finally see the right to marry in 2010.

What do you think? Are the “Like” signs helpful?

“It doesn't help. It's really annoying because now everytime I say ‘like,’ even when I'm making a comparison, I feel like I'm making a mistake and get mad at myself.”

- Joy Burkhart '12



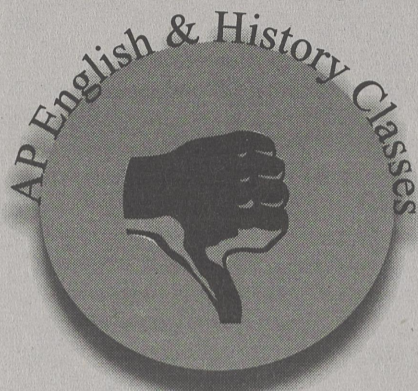
“I don't really think it helps. I don't use ‘like’ all that often and people continue to use ‘like’ regardless of the posters. I appreciate the effort, though.”

- Rebecca Sanders '11



Flops & Props

BY KAITY KRUPP '09 & CASSIE SANDERS '10
OPINIONS EDITORS



This year, with so many people vying for a well-deserved spot in Honors and AP classes, it's getting cramped. Because of larger groups, History and English are struggling to conduct successful Harknesses. This problem contradicts the promise of the private school: a small faculty-to-student ratio. We're not paying over \$18,000 to drown in a class of 18. However, until the administration finds a solution, students must be more aware of their peers, especially when they're trying to share.

Nice job, faculty – the posters are raising awareness about “like-speech.” Although the soft green posters haven't eradicated the problem, they're a step towards improving our language. Keep setting a good example. However, as long as we speak faster than we can think, we'll always have pauses. Therefore, another word will replace “like.” So, what should we do? Return to the “uh” of the previous generation? Or pause in silence and risk losing the attention of our listeners?



We all want them, but unfortunately as Harpeth Hall students, we never get them. A snow day would be a welcome surprise from the administration, especially since it would lessen the risk of students endangering themselves on their ride to school. However, no one wants to spend days making a snow day up when summer is beckoning at the window. It would be better to not take a snow day and have the entirety of summer, even though throwing snowballs and drinking hot chocolate would be nice change of pace for a day.

Dear Editor,

For the most part, I love our cafeteria food, but some things frustrate me. Why have they started limiting the desserts this year? For example, last year when they served tea cakes, we were given two smaller ones. Then they switched to the very large (very delicious) large tea cakes. This year we were only offered one small tea cake with no explanation.

It's the same with the cookies on the cart offered to the juniors and seniors. At the beginning of the year, we were offered two cookies and then, suddenly, the bags only had one.

No one asked why at the time because they were being polite, but many people are still wondering. And it's not only desserts the school has begun to limit.

I didn't think that they were serving less food than the past years, but when talking

with friends, they told me that they thought that the amount of food in general had also been reduced.

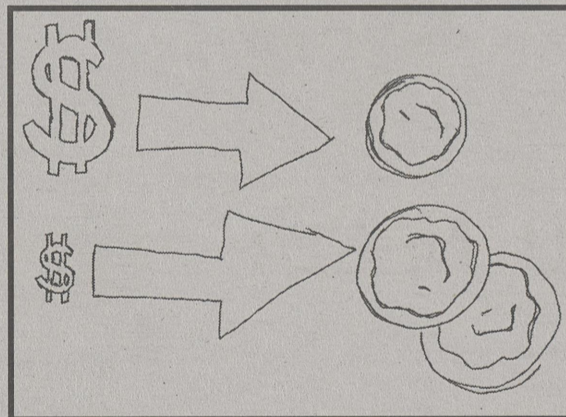
If the school is worried about eating disorders, I find it ironic that they reduce the amount of food, especially since the more common eating disorder among young women is not eating enough.

Additionally, the lack of variety of breads has always bothered me. Why do they only offer two different kinds of sandwich breads, each of which are whole wheat?

I personally do not like whole wheat bread that much and would prefer some other kind, maybe white or even the white-wheat bread. I do not wish to offend the cafeteria staff because I am not complaining about the quality of the food.

I just wish that there was a greater va-

Letter to the Editor



Students pay more money but receive fewer teacakes.

Ryllis Lyle '09, Backpage Editor

riety of some things and that we could be given an explanation for the reduced amount of food, especially since the price of the meal plan continues to increase. – Thanks, Concerned Senior

What do you think? Are the “Like” signs helpful?

“It does not help at all. Now I avoid looking at the clock in class and I used to look at the clock a lot.”

- Lexi Mossman '11



“When I see it in English it helps. The poster makes me more conscientious about my speech during discussion.”

- Paige Cahill '09



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Dance Company presents "American Tabloid"

American culture conveyed through dance in Fall Dance Concert

BY ANNA RUSSELL THORNTON '12
STAFF WRITER

Over 90 girls came together to perform in the 32nd annual fall dance concert Nov. 21-23. This year's theme was "American Tabloid" and featured dances which portrayed different aspects of American culture, such as "Shenandoah," a beautiful and elegant ballet piece.

Anticipation built up as the dancers transitioned from their several days a week rehearsals to every day a week rehearsals during tech week. Often the dancers worked until 8 p.m. in preparation for the concert.

"I LOVE DANCE CONCERTS!" Maggie Griswold '12, one of the dancers, exclaimed. The audience certainly shared her sentiments.

"Ballroom Blitz," "Disturbia," and "Move" were a few of the crowd favorites. "The Upper School Hip Hop ("Disturbia") is scary—good scary though!" Mrs. Pamela Carver, mother of Lilly Carver '12, said before the performance.

"Under the Sea" also sparked a few enthusiastic comments from the audience: "This is

my favorite song!" whispered Ann McKenzie '12. The show culminated with the anticipated finale, Madonna's "4 Minutes."

"I want to go see it again!" cried Maddi D'aquila '12.

However much the audience enjoyed this event, no one enjoyed it quite as much as the dancers themselves. "The best part is all the inside jokes that occur during rehearsals and performances!" said Natalie May '12.

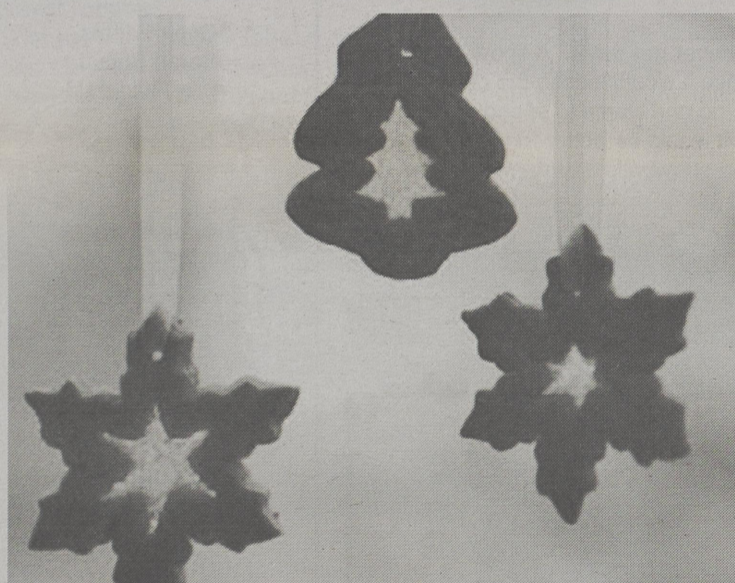
"Basically, if you like to perform/dance/hang out with friends...dance wins!" gushed Claire Crawford '12. "For me, dance was a great way to meet new friends. Plus I just love to dance!"

The show could not have happened without the teachers and choreographers, including Stacie Flood-Popp, Jennifer Jackson, Mary Evelyn Drungo, Danny Neelon, Emily Berry, Kelly Grider, Joyce Smith, and Stephanie Hamilton.



Alli Crew '11, Anna Carro '11, Jean Broadhurst '11, Noni Hill '12 and Lilly Carver '12 perform in the ballet piece "Shenandoah" to represent Native American culture.

Photo Courtesy of Picasa



WHAT YOU NEED:

- * 1-1/2 cups butter, softened
- * 1-1/2 cups sugar
- * 2 eggs
- * 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- * 4-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 teaspoon baking soda
- * 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- * 1 teaspoon salt
- * Assorted colors of Jolly Rancher hard candies
- * 1 tablespoon meringue powder
- * 3 tablespoons plus 1/2 teaspoon water
- * 2-2/3 cups confectioners' sugar

Holiday Craft Idea

STAINED-GLASS COOKIE ORNAMENTS

BY MADELEINE BYRD '09
ARTS EDITOR

DIRECTIONS:

1 In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Divide dough in 3 portions; cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

2 Line baking sheets with foil and grease the foil; set aside. On a lightly floured surface, roll out 1/3 of dough to 1/4-in. thickness. Cut with floured large ornament-shaped cookie cutters. Cut out centers with a floured small cookie cutter. Cut out the centers of the cookies using mini cookie cutters in shapes similar or different to those of the larger cutouts. Place larger cutouts 2 in. apart on prepared baking sheets. Using a plastic straw, poke a small hole near the top of each cookie for hanging. Repeat with remaining dough. Reroll small cutouts if desired.

3 Place the same color of hard candies in small heavy resealable plastic bag. Close bag tightly, and using a meat mallet, pound candy until finely crushed. Sprinkle crushed candies in center of cookies. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes. Use straw to reopen hanging holes. Cool for 2-3 minutes or until candies are set before carefully removing to wire racks.

4 For icing, in a small mixing bowl, beat meringue powder and water until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar. Decorate cookies; let dry. Thread string through holes to hang cookies.

* Recipe courtesy of <http://www.rd.com/advice-and-know-how/stained-glass-ornament-christmas-cookie-recipe-with-pictures/article19124-1.html>; Cookie picture courtesy of <http://www.keepingthecastle.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/12/stained-glass-cookies.jpg>; Snowflake pictures courtesy of <http://www.sandscripts.com/catalog/business/gif/snowflake.gif>

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Halloween Horror

Fall performance of Greek tragedy 'Medea'

BY KELSEA BEST '11
PHOTO EDITOR

After months of hard work, 19 Harpeth Hall girls and three MBA boys lit up the Davis Theater in the perceptive, powerful, and chilling play "Medea" just in time for Halloween. The show premiered Oct. 30 and played through Nov. 1.

This ancient Greek tragedy written by Euripides in 431 BCE is set in the city of Corinth, Greece. It is the story of Medea, played Mary Hampton Elam '10, a woman who helped Jason, played by MBA junior, Corbin Williams, get the golden fleece.

After having two sons with Medea, Jason decides to leave her to marry the Princess of Corinth. She is the daughter of Creon, the king of Corinth, played by MBA senior Ryan Penney. An angry Medea swears to get revenge on Jason, which inevitably leads to her killing everyone he loves.

Rehearsals began on Sept. 24, where actors and techies worked hard every day after school, perfecting lines, stage positions, lighting, and sound.

"The set took a long time to build, but it was worth it because in the end everything looked great," reflected Stage Manager, Eleanor Weeks '11.



Mary Hampton Elam ('10) pleads with the gods in agony.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Thomas

"I thought the costumes were one of the coolest things because we have never used costumes like that before." The costumes, which were modeled after Greek dress, were very authentic looking, and the most impressive part was that they were constructed by the students.

"I thought it was a fantastic show," ex-

claimed enthusiastic audience member, Julie Wilson '12, after the performance, "The plot interested me, but it was the amazing acting by Mary Hampton that was the best part."

With its disturbing darkness and fantastic acting, "Medea" awed the audience and displayed students' talents.

Where in the world is Anna Bikales?

BY ELLEN THOMAS '09
STAFF WRITER

After disappearing from the halls of HH early in her senior year, Anna Bikales transferred to Interlochen Arts Academy, a boarding school in Interlochen, Michigan, to more seriously pursue a career in music. Anna is an accomplished harpist and hopes that the move to Interlochen will help further her musical aspirations.

A typical day for Anna at Interlochen begins with two hours of morning orchestra rehearsal, Music Theory, Philosophical History of Colonial America, Math, lunch, several free practice hours, and Russian Literature.

"I'm really enjoying Interlochen, not only because I can focus on harp, but because of the beautiful weather and the people I've met," Anna said. There are many international students at Interlochen. Anna has made friends from Russia, South Africa, Asia, South America, and Germany.

Next year, she will be returning to Interlochen for a post-graduate year. The post-graduate year is a useful tool for students who feel they need an extra year to fine-tune their musical abilities before entering a conservatory. During the post-graduate year, Anna will take only three classes: Adv. Music Theory, Dance, and Statistics. The majority of her time will be spent in orchestra rehearsal and personal harp prac-



Anna Bikales

Photo Courtesy of Anna Bikales

tice.

After her post-graduate year, Anna hopes to attend a university with a conservatory, such as USC or NYU, and become a professional harpist. She would like to play recording sessions for television and film as well as record original pieces.

For those of you who support Anna Bikales' musical endeavors and are wondering why she hasn't had any new songs on MySpace lately, Anna said, "Songwriting has unfortunately taken a back seat since I got here. I spend almost all of my time practicing orchestral pieces and don't have the time I need to work on my own songs."

Anna has been able to see a significant difference in her playing in the short time that she has been at Interlochen and is confident that this was the right choice.

What's in the Gallery?

The Artwork of Charles Brindley

BY ANNA SPODEN '09
STAFF WRITER

The oil paintings and charcoal sketches of local artist Charles Brindley will be displayed in the Marnie Sheridan Gallery until Dec. 17.

Entering the building, a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Nashville statue is displayed to the right, and down the stairs, meticulously detailed pieces of the beautiful Southeastern forest and landscape adorn the walls, just to name a few.

This exhibit has struck the eye of many who would normally not notice the art in the gallery. Jane Marie Brown '09 admired the painting "Landscape at New Market," saying "His use of color is so fascinating, and the detail is incredible."

Brindley's unique style of oil on canvas, the familiarities of the depictions, and the ineffable detail have been known to stop people in their tracks.

The work of Brindley, a native Nashvillian who now lives about 35 miles outside of Nashville in Adairville, KY, is mostly displayed throughout the Southeast and Midwest, and has been recognized in larger cities such as New York or Washington, D.C. Brindley's art can also be found on display at the University School of Nashville.

His exhibit at Harpeth Hall mostly consists of oil paintings and a few charcoal drawings. As described on his website,

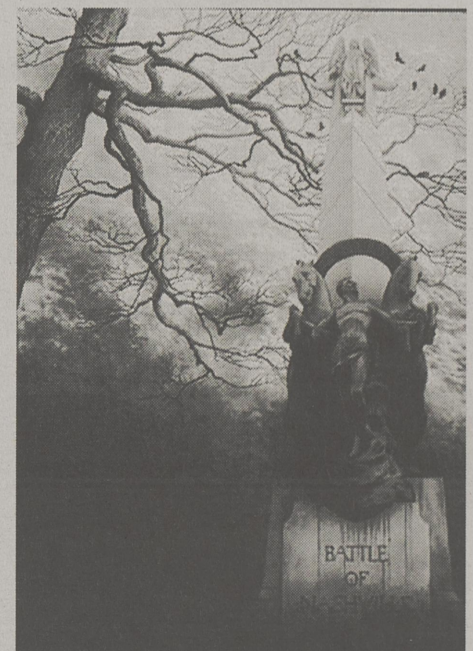
Winter Music Concert Review

ROSIE BICHELL '09
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

From classic rock to the Chamber Choir, this year's Annual Winter Music Concert was full of surprises. This year, due to a conflict with the Mini Nutcracker, the concert took place in the lobby of Patton Visual Arts building, rather than in the Gallery. Although the new venue had great acoustics, such a small space made it very cramped and difficult for the audience to view or hear performers.

Friday, Dec. 5, the chamber orchestra performed a number of songs and was followed by the Upper School Concert Choir, and then Chamber Choir. The entire audience then moved upstairs to the Richards Room, where the Upper School Rock Band (a.k.a. "The Dean's List") performed five songs, including, "Leave the Pieces," by The Wreckers, as an enthusiastic audience sang along. Despite their excellent performance, technical problems made it difficult to hear the girls singing when one of the monitors went out.

The 2008 Winter Concert was delightful, even with some technical difficulties that may have taken away from the acoustic beauty.



"The Battle of Nashville," an oil painting by Charles Brindley. Photo courtesy of www.cbrindley.com

"His images are highly representational but contain many abstract elements."

"His work is really interesting and so detailed," said Meredith Was '09. "It is so different from what we've had hanging in the gallery in the past."

the cost of (over?)achieving

BY EMILY TSENG '10 AND CASSIE SANDERS '10
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"You know what's a sign that I'm really stressed out?" said Rohini Chakravarthy '10. "It takes me 20 minutes to figure out all I have to do before I get started doing it."

Rohini's junior-year courseload includes four APs, one Honors course and a science elective. She dances 11 hours a week, inside and outside of school. "On good nights, I get 6.5 hours of sleep," she said. "I have a free period and I do get stuff done, but it's just not enough."

The Advanced Placement program provides high school students with college-level classes regulated by the CollegeBoard. At college preparatory high schools across the nation, juniors and seniors have

been taking AP courses for years in hopes of receiving college credit and getting a leg up in the college admissions process.

Harpeth Hall is no exception. "Junior year is definitely more stressful because it matters more," said Claire Cato '10.

However, the stress of taking harder classes, coupled with the looming anxiety of college applications, takes a toll on students mentally and emotionally. "Some people have been having mental breakdowns at school this year," Rohini said.

From a time-management perspective, the workload for a single AP course often involves hours of reading and homework every night. "My stress has

increased this year solely because I have to teach myself," said Rohini. High-achieving students typically take about three APs. Some seniors this year are taking five.

The college counseling office advocates difficult course loads because of the way they will look on an application.

What's more, AP and Honors classes can be rewarding for a student. Both Rohini and Claire "like the challenge" of taking harder courses and enjoy the higher intellectual level.

Given these factors, are APs worth it? Before you decide, here are some things you should know. . . .

Cutting Classes

Starting after the AP exam in May 2009, both AP French Literature and AP Latin Lyric Poetry will be discontinued by CollegeBoard.

Both classes have suffered a severe decrease in enrollment over the years, supporting fewer than 400 students per class, and are no longer viable sources of revenue, according to CollegeBoard. So what will be the new curriculum for students seeking further achievement in these subjects?

To replace the discontinued French Literature class will be implemented, but it will not be an AP course. For Latin students, however, the only other AP option will be AP Vergil's "Aeneid."

Many are discontent. "Latin has been so rewarding for me and it's difficult to see it falling out of favor," said Kalen McNamara '09. "I remain convinced that studying lyric poetry is a more personal experience than studying the 'Aeneid.'"

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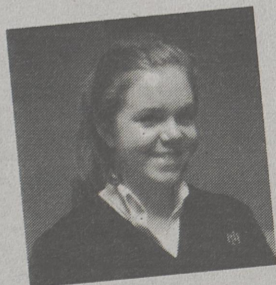
Textbook	\$150
Study Guide(s)	\$20-40
Other (Workbooks, etc.)	\$40
+ AP Exam	\$84

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TOTAL} \\ \times \text{APs taken} \\ \hline \end{array} = \$304$$

5 Tips for Surviving APs

- 1 Do your homework. (No, seriously). AP classes move faster than you think. You don't have time to be on Facebook the night before your paper is due.
- 2 Buy an AP study guide and go through the topic review as you learn it in class for a simplified explanation of the material. Barron's and Princeton Review are the best.
- 3 Buy everything used or from Amazon or eBay. This will cut costs significantly, and you might find useful notes in the margins of your books from previous owners.
- 4 Sleep. Being well-rested for a difficult test is more beneficial than staying up that extra early-morning hour to cram.
- 5 Take deep breaths, stay calm, and tell yourself that you will survive.

Are APs Worth It?



"It's just this curriculum that you have to stick to. There is no flexibility, and you end up cramming for everything. It all just seems stifling."

- Grace Tipps '10

"Yes. You get the college credit and they are doable classes. It's more relaxed because you know more, and the teachers treat you differently. It will also help with the transition into college."

- Megan Darnell '10

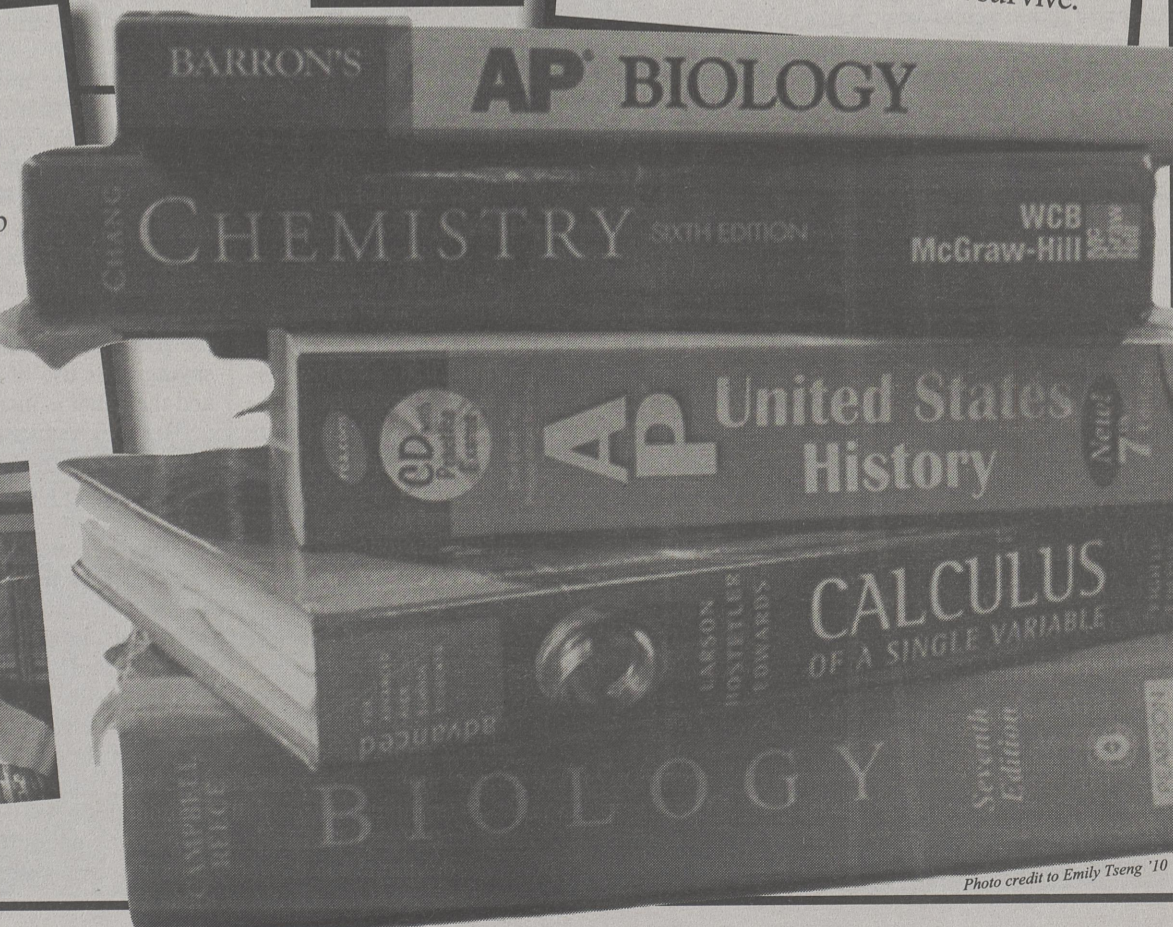


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Cross Country team takes bronze

BY KATIE MARTIN '10
STAFF WRITER

It was warm and sunny Nov. 1 at the Steeplechase Cross Country Course. Teams from all over the state of Tennessee gathered to run 3.1 miles. A lot was at stake for the Bears, for this was the culmination of all their training from the past three months. Their foremost competitor was St. Agnes, the 2007 state championship winners.

As the race began, Bradley Moody swept to the front of the pack, with Kate Wiseman and Sarah Joy Crouch not far behind. The Bears placed 3rd in the state of Tennessee and defeated St. Agnes, along with other rivals such as Ensworth and Knoxville Webb. Bradley Moody placed 12th with a time of 20:29, earning herself a spot on the all-state team for the third time. Kate Wiseman was only one place away from the all-state team.



Leadership played a very important role in the build-up to the final run, and it not only came from the four coaches Dr. Jack Henderson, Mr. Tad Wert, Ms. Dee Davis, and Ms. Lauren Losey, but also from the team's seniors. Junior Caroline Aston said, "The seniors were always really supportive always ready to offer encouragement."

"The seniors were enormously valuable this year," said head coach Dr. Jack Henderson. "Our varsity team of seven runners included four seniors who will be impossible to replace next year. Bradley Moody (in her third All-State Team), Sarah Joy Crouch, and Brenna Newport earned six All-State awards between them in the past four years, while Maddie Polk emerged as our team leader in only her second year on the team."



(Clockwise from top) Maddie Polk '09, Alex Bryant '10, Caroline Hawkins '12, Kate Wiseman '11, Bradley Moody '09, Sarah Joy Crouch '09, and Brenna Newport '09 all lead the pack to the finish line in the Cross Country Metro Championships.

Photos courtesy of Picasa

Obscure sport of the issue: Curling

BY ROSIE BICHELL '10
SPORTS CO-EDITOR



Kelly Wood, a member of the National Curling Team of Britain, practices some curling techniques using new technology including digital sensors that measure the downward velocity and pressure of the athletes' curling brooms.

Photo courtesy of Chris Watt/Getty Images Sport

The Winter Olympics cause international excitement, offering a basis for athletes from all over the world to compete in a countless number of sports. The majority of the developed world spends one winter out of every four years glued to the television, avidly supporting their nation.

So, what sport leads the polls in most widely watched of the Winter Olympics? Curling. But what is curling? According to Wikipedia, curling is "a team sport with similarities to bowls and shuffleboard, played by two teams of four players each on a rectangular sheet of carefully prepared ice."

The sport of Curling originates from 16th century Scotland, where groups of people would join together and "curl" on frozen ponds to pass the cold winter months.

In this sport, different teams take turns shoving heavy, polished granite stones down the sheets of ice towards the house; the target at the end of the ice. Two "sweepers" – players sporting brooms – race down the ice trying as hard as they can to place the granite stone on the house with help from the direction of their teammates. Because of the difficult and intricate nature of stone placement, the sport of curling is sometimes called "chess on ice."

Although curling is a relatively obscure sport, it has gained a significant following during the past two Winter Olympics. Following the 2006 Winter Games, the U.S. Curling Association website received 100 million hits, ranking third in the most searched topics on MSN.com during the Games.

US Curling Association, now more than 13,000 curlers and 135 clubs strong, will celebrate its 50th anniversary season. With the newfound following that the sport of curling has attracted, the US hopes to win gold in the coming Olympics.

Kellyn Angell '09 signs with Clemson

BY EMILY HONG '10
SPORTS CO-EDITOR

Senior Kellyn Angell has committed to swim with the Clemson University Tigers for the 2009-2010 season.

She will continue her impressive swimming career at the Division I level in college.

Kellyn has been swimming with the Bearacudas since her freshman year, and swims year-round with the Nashville Aquatic Club.

Along with two other Harpeth Hall athletes also committed to college athletics, Paige Cahill and Sarah Dolan, Kellyn celebrated her athletic achievement with her classmates and family.

Kellyn's decision ultimately was based on the feel of the school. "I really liked the team," she said. "It has a family atmosphere which is really nice and supportive. The swimming facilities are also excellent. The alumni network is really strong, and there's a lot of school pride."

All seniors and team members



The class of '09, as well as Kellyn's teammates celebrate her signing by eating some curiously arranged cupcakes. Kellyn's friends and family also distributed orange, purple, and white beads to students in order to celebrate her accomplishments.

Photo courtesy of Mike Strasinger

were treated to Clemson-themed cupcakes following the signing ceremony.



ASK RYLLIS & BRADLEY

Dear Ryllis and Bradley,
I don't understand the binding nature of the Double-Dog-Dare. Where did this originate and why does it mean anything?

-Ellen Thomas, '09

Dear Ellen,

Since a Triple-Dog-Dare forced a young boy in *A Christmas Story* to stick his tongue to a frozen pole in the middle of winter, a Double-Dog-Dare is about 45% less binding than a Triple-Dog-Dare. Therefore, if ever Double-Dog-Dared to stick your tongue to a frozen pole, you will only be required, in our professional opinion, to wrap your bare hand around the pole for a few seconds. Hope that clarifies! Loved the question!

Dear Ryllis and Bradley,

Your house elf refuses to do your bidding. What do you do?

-Emily Hong and Megan Darnell, '10

Dear Emily and Megan,

When your house elf refuses to do your bidding, you must use floo power to transfer it to the Ministry of (House Elf) Magic, a smaller version of the actual Ministry of Magic. There, the elf will be scolded. Do not tell Hermione of your plans, or she will liberate said elf and shut down the Ministry of (House Elf) Magic. Hope this helps! Best of luck to you.

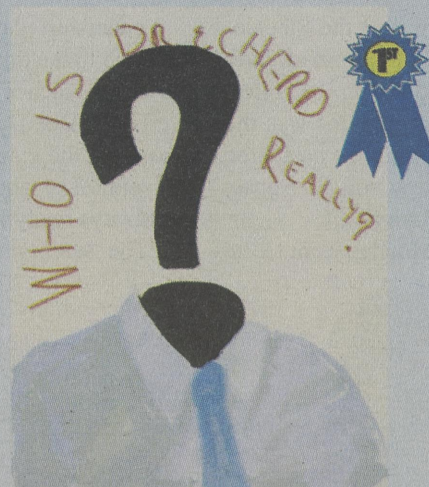
-Ryllis and Bradley

Got Questions? We've got answers!
Submit any kind of question to Ryllis & Bradley!

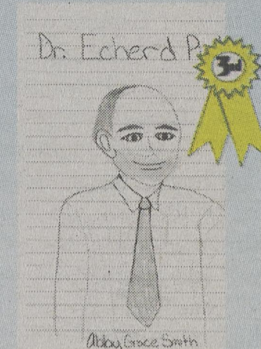
"Draw Dr. Echerd" Contest Winners



SECOND PLACE
Campbell Mobley, '11



FIRST PLACE
Elizabeth Floyd, '09



THIRD PLACE
Abby Grace Smith, '11

Thank you to all those who participated! Don't forget to enter next issue's contest!

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Next Issue...



"Draw Mrs. Keen" Contest

Draw Mrs. Keen and send your entries to Logos. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded!

our gift to you...

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you don't know about.

YouTube VIDEO:

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BOOK:

The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror by Christopher Moore

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"Unicorn vs. Narwhal" Playset

Trees.

By Sarah Schott '10

